



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC
February 24, 2014

Dear Friend:

I am very pleased to announce I will once again sponsor the United States Congressional Art Competition for high school students within the Fourth District of Alabama. 2014 marks the 19th year I have been able to be involved with this nationwide high school art competition that recognizes and encourages the artistic talent we have in our district.

This year the 2014 Congressional Art Competition award ceremony and reception will be held at the Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts, 501 Broad Street, Gadsden, AL 35901 on Monday, April 28th at 9:30am. All students participating in the competition, along with their parents and art teachers are invited to attend the reception where refreshments will be served.

The "Best of Show" artwork will represent Alabama's Fourth Congressional District by being displayed in the U.S. Capitol Complex for an entire year. Also, the winner will be awarded two round-trip airline tickets and \$500 for expenses to attend the National Exhibition Reception in Washington, D.C. this summer.

We want to ensure that each piece of artwork will be eligible for the competition, so please be sure your students follow the guidelines carefully. The application form, guidelines and additional instructions are enclosed. Please feel free to duplicate these forms as necessary. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pam Abernathy in my Gadsden District Office at 256-546-0201 or by email pam.abernathy@mail.house.gov. We look forward to seeing you and your students at the reception.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Aderholt
Member of Congress



CONGRESSMAN ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

HONORARY CHAIRMAN 2014 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION STUDENT INFORMATION & RELEASE FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, this information is used for certificates and awarding scholarship. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Please complete this form and mail it no later than **April 16th, 2014** to : Mrs. Pam Abernathy, 4th District Art Competition, 600 Broad Street, 107 Federal Building, Gadsden, Alabama 35901. Questions: email – pam.abernathy@mail.house.gov or 256-546-0201

Student Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent Email/Day Phone: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Art Teacher Name: _____

Art Teacher Email/Day Phone: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Medium: _____

****I hereby certify that this is my original art work and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, book, illustration or any other copyrighted work.**

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT: Be sure to attach a copy of this form to the back of your artwork and bring a list of copy of each form with you when the artwork is delivered to one of Congressman Aderholt's District Offices. Artwork is due **NO LATER THAN 4:30pm, WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2014**. Earlier delivery is fine.

Check which of Congressman Aderholt's District Offices you will be delivering the artwork to:
_____ Jasper _____ Cullman _____ Gadsden _____ Tuscumbia



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HONORARY CHAIRMAN 2014 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION GENERAL GUIDELINES

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Pam Abernathy, 4th District Art Competition, 600 Broad Street, 107 Federal Building, Gadsden, Alabama 35901, pam.abernathy@mail.house.gov or 256-546-0201.

The competition is open to high school students, grades 9 through 12 only. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Artwork **must** be two dimensional and no more than four inches in depth. Artwork should be no larger than 28" x 28. Artwork should weigh no more than 15 pounds. This includes frame if your artwork is Best of Show Winner. Do not frame for the district competition in Gadsden, only the winning entry that is exhibited in Washington, DC will require framing. Artwork should be mounted for the competition. Please indicate top and/or bottom of art.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal. It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.
- Collages: must be two-dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated Art
- Photographs

Each entry must be an **original** in concept, design and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic or advertisement that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

"Best of Show" Winner artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes. The winning entry must be signed by the student, parent or guardian if under 18 years of age and teacher to certify the originality of the art piece.